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me, it's to return the bill for a specific amendment. All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? To return the bill for a specific amendment.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting aye.

SENATOR CLARK: Have you all voted? You are voting on the motion to return the bill. Senator Warner.

CLERK: 17 ayes, 18 nays on the motion to return the bill, Mr. President. Senator, you don't want the A bill motion then, do you? Senator Warner, A bill motion. You don't need that one. Okay.

Mr. President, Senator Stoney moves to return LB 924 to Select File for a specific amendment. The amendment would read as....well the amendment is on page 1590 of the Journal, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Stoney.

SENATOR STONEY: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I apologize at this late date for offering this amendment, but since it was brought to me just recently I had no opportunity prior to this time to offer it. What this particular bill attempts to accomplish is to provide for a county engineer in counties with populations in excess of 100,000, which would include Douglas and Lancaster County. Now an individual contacted me who had some concerns that this bill was not as definitive as it could be relative to the qualifications that this county engineer should have, and the point that I would make is that in Section 3 of the bill the provision is that a county engineer shall be a registered professional engineer as provided by sections, and then it explains what sections covers that particular profession. What I would seek to do with this amendment is to add an additional proviso that would tighten this down, would provide for additional qualifications on the part of the individual that holds this position, and by doing that we would add the phrase "and be qualified as a civil engineer". Now it is my understanding that this bill came from Douglas County. That being the case, I contacted Jack Mills who is Executive Director of the Nebraska County Officials, and discussed my concerns with him. He, after checking with others, and especially those that are interested in this proposal, advised that he did not feel that such an amendment were